



CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE

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August 4, 2004

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple Street, Ste. 383
Los Angeles, Ca 90012

RE: REQUEST TO ORDER CONSOLIDATION AND FOR THE PROVISION OF
SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF AN SOUTH EL
MONTE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CONDITIONALLY CALLED FOR
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2005.

ATTN: Ms. Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer

Enclosed is a certified copy of Resolution No. 04-47 adopted by the South El Monte City Council on July 13, 2004 respectfully requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles approve the consolidation of a South El Monte General Municipal Election to be held on November 8, 2005 with the County-administered Uniform District Election Law election ("UDEL Election") of the same date (i.e. the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years).

The City Council of the City of South El Monte further requests that the Board of Supervisors authorize and direct the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (the "Registrar") to canvass the returns of said consolidated general municipal election; and render services to the City relating to the conduct of the City's consolidated general municipal election.

The City of South El Monte agrees to reimburse the County of Los Angeles for all costs related to this request and asks that invoices be sent to the attention of the South El Monte City Clerk at 1415 N. Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, California, 91733. Also, enclosed is a certified copy of Ordinance No. 1059 conditionally adopted by the South El Monte City Council on August 2, 2004.

The following objective, cost savings analysis and recommendation, for your review and consideration in support of the City's consolidation, are as follows:

OBJECTIVE

To achieve a cost savings through consolidation and to increase voter turnout at the City's General Municipal Election.

COST SAVINGS ANALYSIS

Upon completion of the 2003 General Municipal Election the total cost for the City to run the election was \$40,000. Based on this amount, the budgeted amount for the 2004-2005 election is estimated at \$46,000. During a recent conversation with the Registrar Recorder's office, I have been advised that by consolidating the election with three (3) Ballot Groups, scheduled at this time and based on one office, the estimated cost will be approximately \$19,000. The City will be filling (3) three offices, which includes an additional \$2,000. Also, included in the cost would be \$3,000-4,000 if the City were to add an initiative. At the present time there is no indication that the City will add an initiative. Even with an initiative added, the estimated cost savings to the City would be approximately \$24,000.

Due to the City's balloting system being completely outdated and the cost of a new system that would rapidly change with technology, the City has contracted with an election consultant during the last three elections for the use of a more sophisticated system. Therefore, for these reasons the City feels that the purchase of a new balloting system is not cost effective due to the financial status of the City.


RECOMMENDATION

The City of South El Monte, hereby, requests that the Board of Supervisors approve the consolidation and grant the request of the City of South El Monte's General Municipal Election with the County-administered election to be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years, commencing November 8, 2005. The City of South El Monte will work with the Board of Supervisors and the County Registrar in providing and benefiting our voters to a more efficient cost savings election and has indicated in its Resolution that it will, also, compensate the County for any added expenses incurred in adding the City of South El Monte to the ballot.

With respect to this request, we do ask that you please notify our office as to the date and time when this matter will be placed on the agenda of the Board of Supervisors so that staff or other City representatives may attend to answer any questions the Board may have.

If you should have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy L. Gonzales
Election Official/City Clerk
City of South El Monte

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Copy: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chair
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

Enclosures: Resolution No. 04-47
Ordinance No. 1059

RESOLUTION NO. 04-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2005, WITH THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON THE DATE PURSUANT TO § 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of South El Monte ("City") has introduced an ordinance calling for a General Municipal Election to be held on November 8, 2005, for the purpose of the election of a Mayor and two Members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the General Municipal Election be consolidated with the School elections to be held on the same date and that within the city the precincts, polling places and elections officers of the two elections be the same, and that the county election department of the County of Los Angeles canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election and that the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the requirements of § 10403 of the Elections Code, the City hereby requests that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles consent and agree to the consolidation of a General Municipal Election with the School election on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, for the purpose of the election of a Mayor and two Members of the City Council.

SECTION 2. The City hereby authorized the county election department to canvass the return of the General Municipal Election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used.

SECTION 3. The City hereby requests that the Board of Supervisors issue instructions to the county election department to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of the consolidated election.

SECTION 4. The City of South El Monte recognizes that additional costs will be incurred by the County by reason of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse the County for any costs.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the county election department of the County of Los Angeles.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions

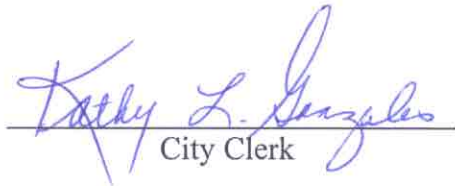
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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON JULY 13, 2004.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE)

I, Kathy Gonzales, City Clerk of the City of South El Monte, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, being Resolution No. 04-47, was duly passed and approved by the City Council of the City of South El Monte at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 13th of July 2004, and that said Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Delgado, Gonzales, (Mayor) Figueroa
NOES: None
ABSENT: Aguinaga
ABSTAIN: Co


City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 1059

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE MOVING THE DATE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FROM THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH OF ODD-NUMBERING YEARS TO THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER OF ODD-NUMBERED YEARS AND AMENDING THE SOUTH EL MONTE MUNICIPAL CODE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Section 2.20.070 of Chapter 2.20 (City Clerk) of Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) of the South El Monte Municipal Code regarding City elections is hereby added to read as follows:

"2.20.070 Elections. Pursuant to §§ 1000, 1301 and 10403.5 of California Elections Code and as authorized thereby, the City general elections shall, commencing on November 8, 2005 and henceforth, be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years."

Section 2: All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions set forth in Section 1 herein are hereby replaced. As a result of the change of election date, the terms of office of those members of the City Council presently serving shall be extended for a period of approximately eight (8) months until election results are declared by the City Council.

Section 3: This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its final passage. Within 30 days of the effective date, the City Clerk shall cause a notice to be mailed to all registered voters of the city informing them of the change in the election date

Section 4: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of August, 2004.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Quinn Barrow
City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE)

I, Kathy L. Gonzales, City Clerk of the City of South El Monte, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 1027, was duly passed and approved by the City Council of the City of South El Monte at a regular meeting of said council held on the 2nd day of August, 2004, and that said Ordinance was adopted by following vote:

AYES: Co, Delgado, Gonzales, (Mayor) Figueroa
NOES: Aguinaga
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None


City Clerk